Allocation of funds for Quilon bye-pass on National Highway 47

1737. SHRI K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been allotted for Quilon bye-pass on National Hgihway 47;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned so far;

(c) whether any land acquisition proceedings have since been initiated; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when the bye-pass is expected to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Land Acquisition estimate for Phase-I of the bye-pass sanctioned for Rs. 139.04 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is premature to give at this stage the completion date of the Bye-pass.

Construction of coal berth at Paradeep port

1738. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of coal being exported to various countries through Paradeep port during 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) whether there is any proposal for construction of coal berth in Paradeep Port during Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, when this will be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No coal is being exported to any country through Paradip Port.

(b) and (c) Proposal have been made for a coal berth at Paradip but no provision for a separate coal berth has been included in the VII Year Plan.

Expansion programme of Shipping Corporation of India

1739. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has a massive expansion and modernisation plan during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the total number of old, damaged, obsolete and ineffective ships under SCI at present; and

(d) what action has been taken to dispose of these ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The seventh plan of the Shipping Corporation of India envisages expansion and modernisation through acquisition of 15.66 lakhs GRT including acquisition of specialised ships, like, Phosphoric Acid Carriers, Edible Oil Carriers, Container Ships, Ammonia/LPG Carriers etc. An outlay of Rs. 693.42 crores has been provided for this purpose in the seventh plan.